Dear parents, carers and friends of our school,

Let’s not be distracted by a Budget tonight or Struggle Street or the vagaries of the media cycle, the fact is the people of Nepal, are still there, dealing with over 8,000 dead, thousands more sick or injured and tens of thousands without a home.

Raffle tickets were sent home yesterday in a P&C student led effort to raise money to support the earthquake affected victims of Nepal.

Please return sold tickets and money as soon as possible and let’s continue to be grateful for the way of life we enjoy.

Today our boys and girls in Years 3 & 5 will begin the National Assessment Program for Literacy & Numeracy (widely referred to as the NAPLAN tests). Today they will complete the Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Writing components. Tomorrow they will do the reading component and on Thursday they will complete the Numeracy component. Friday is reserved for “make up tests” for any students who missed components along the way. After Friday, there is no provision for completing missed tests. Good luck girls and boys.

Remember, our school seeks to deliver more than just good NAPLAN results… we are about

LEARNING TO UNDERSTAND, our WORLD, OURSELVES and OTHERS, to accept CHALLENGES, to CREATE options and solutions, and striving to be the BEST THAT WE CAN BE as individuals and as citizens.

Cheers!

Ray Rincheval, Proud Principal
Congratulations to the following students who have gained selection to the Mid-North Coast Zone PSSA Cross Country championships. The following children will now represent the school and district on Friday 22nd May at Sawtell Reserve.

**Boys**
Levi Woods, Dayne Peel, Zavia King, James Rothacker, Jack Dudgeon, Torr Cotsell

**Girls**
Jaslyn Ross, Katie Hodgson, Isabelle Bagust, Shania King

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**STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE**

Last week your child brought home an envelope for the Stewart House annual donation appeal. Stewart House supports students of public schools and a number of students from Sandy Beach have benefitted from their services.

Please fill in your name, address, phone number and school, insert a donation of at least $2.00 into the envelope and return it to the school office tomorrow so you can be included in the draw.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**
Parking in our Disability Access driveways is an offence. Please keep this area clear for the Maxi Taxi. A swinging farm gate has now been installed at this entry.

**DID YOU KNOW?**
Parents collecting students of an afternoon can enter the school site and park in the area below the Year 6 classrooms, on the proviso that they get out of their parked car to collect their child from the top quadrangle and escort them by hand, back to the vehicle.

This entry and exit is not to be used in the morning.

**DID YOU KNOW?**
Sandy Beach PS students want to help the people of Nepal following the recent devastating earthquake. As a fundraiser, a $10 book of RAFFLE TICKETS were sent home with the girls and boys yesterday.

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From the Snack Shack

**Winners of the Mother’s Day Raffle**

1st Place Becky Cummings
2nd Kiama David,
3rd Janet Redmond

Congratulations we hope you enjoyed your prizes.

Special thanks to all those wonderful parents who helped out last Friday at the District Cross Country Canteen in Woolgoolga, I really appreciated your assistance and support.

Special mention of Pete who set up and manned the BBQ station.

Jody Phillis
Canteen Supervisor